

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, there has been a great deal of discussion that we may have set the figure too high for the maximum security facility. With reclassification having already previously been done by a team of architects, by inhouse employees in the State of Nebraska, it may be convenient to leave it where it is but that convenience may be costing us unnecessary millions of dollars. I propose that we have a team of experts who have done this before outside the State of Nebraska, not in the field of architecture, so that their direct decision will in effect be dollars in their pockets others than the dollars for the reclassification. On the other hand, in no way do I want to delay the beginning of a program so I am proposing that the dollars involved be internally adjusted as the results of the reclassification are known. We've been moving ahead. We want to move in the right direction but it is my feeling and the feeling of many experts in this area that the real emphasis should be on the local area where the emphasis needs to be on the work release centers and I'm saying centers because this is something that needs to grow across the state. Most of the people who are in our penal institutions will return to their home communities. I think our best opportunity to have them remain outside the criminal justice system is to allow enough time for work release or educational release and the two are synonymous because both are needed so that they still have supervision, yet have the opportunity to relate in a home community with what they will need to be doing when there no longer are any state strings attached. I move for the adoption of this amendment to LB 956.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would support Senator Marsh's amendment with one reservation and that is that, I think, Senator Marsh, as it stands now, you still strike the three hundred twenty figure in the facility. My concern is that the Department of Corrections wanted a facility much larger than three hundred twenty inmates and that this is in fact a smaller number than the one that was agreed upon in negotiation and that if we strike that figure completely the Department of Corrections may come in with a much higher figure next year based on this study and I think we would get away from the goal that Senator Marsh has, so I was wondering, Senator Marsh, if you would be willing to alter your amendment to at least leave in the language in lines eleven through thirteen that give us a goal of three hundred twenty so that we have a figure for planning purposes with the understanding that if the classification study provides something else, that could be adjusted. Okay. I don't know if I should move that as an amendment or maybe you could just alter your amendment up there.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Yes, sir. Yes, ma'am.

SENATOR MARSH: I think it could be managed on line one instead of saying on page sixteen, strike lines to eleven and thirteen, simply to state that, following line thirteen on page sixteen, following line thirteen, insert.

CLERK: All right. I'm very content...